

### ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the Advisory action of December 3, 2004, and amended as necessary to put the case into a condition for allowance.

Claims 7, 9-17, and 19-21 remain in this application. Claim 7 has been amended to make it independent. The remaining claims have been canceled.

Claims 9-17 and 19-21 have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Claim 7 was objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable if made independent by incorporating all of the limitations of the parent claims. Accordingly, claim 7 has been made independent in this manner, making the objection moot. Consequently, all remaining claims are in a condition for allowance.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Reply to Office action of June 18, 2004

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33781.

Respectfully submitted,

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